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Charlene Hall  
Command Oil Spill Trustee Council  
C/O Fish and Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way, Suite 2605  
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RE: Mirada Surf Acquisition

Dear Ms. Hall:

The Foundation appreciates the Council's continued interest in funding the acquisition of the Mirada Surf Oceanside parcel. This letter is to answer the question in your correspondence of January 3, 2003.

#### **Proposed Improvements**

The Mirada Surf Oceanside parcel is being acquired specifically so that the missing link of the coastal trail and coastal access improvements can be completed.

The acquisition of the Oceanside parcel is the second phase of a two phased effort to acquire parcels on both sides of Highway 1. The planning for the entire site, especially facilities and activities on the east side are complex and will require a community based planning effort, as well as rigorous environmental review as there are wetlands on the east side. Providing coastal access and completion of the missing segment of the Coastal Trail is one of the expressed reasons for purchasing the Oceanside parcel. Given that the access and trail is a regional amenity, with no opposition and limited environmental constraints (in fact an improved trail will reduce impacts), it is anticipated that this activity would be segmented from the planning for the eastern parcel to expedite its completion.

A conceptual plan for the trail and access was done in 1997. I am unable to provide this via email. A development budget, based on figures from a 2002 project, has been developed. It is attached. While funding sources for the actual development have been identified, the funding for this development has not been secured as we are first focused on the acquisition effort.

The County recognizes that there are parking issues to be resolved in the area. The Mirada Surf Oceanside parcel does not include the parcel that had been previously used for parking. That land is a separate parcel and under the jurisdiction of the City of Half Moon Bay. The County was not responsible for the closure of the bluff top parking area. Further, local coastal planning rules encourage parking away from sensitive bluffs and view corridors.

There are no immediate, easy answers but the County is interested in looking for interim and long-term solutions. Our development proposals anticipate that there will be limited parking on the west side, primarily for disabled parking and staging (pick up and drop off). It is expected that additional parking will be developed in appropriate locations east of Highway 1. The controlled intersection at Coronado and State Highway 1 provides safe access from parking on the east to the bluff and beach on the west.

#### **Restriction of Funds**

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation is willing to have the restoration funds restricted to a certain purpose. However, I'm not sure if this is relevant as we are seeking the funds to assist with our acquisition effort, not the development effort. There is only one activity - acquisition - associated with our request. The restoration funds would be directly solely at this.

If we do not acquire the property, development of the coastal access and completion of the coastal trail will not occur until there is an easement granted by the owners. This will only occur as a condition of a development permit. It is likely to be a minimum of 5 years before the process would be complete and the permits granted. By providing funds for the acquisition, you will be supporting efforts which will result in completing the proposed improvements sooner.

Sincerely,

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Development Cost Estimate

## Mirada Surf Oceanside Parcel

### DEVELOPMENT COST ESTIMATE WITH PERCENTAGES BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

May 31, 2002

| Project Activity   | Recreation Category   | Projected Cost | %           |
|--|---|----------------|-------------|
| <i>Direct Opportunity</i>  |   |                |             |
| Coastal Trail development  | Trail Hiking/Walking/Bicycling  | 90,000         | 22          |
| Bridge to protect riparian habitat   | Trail Hiking/Walking/Bicycling  | 45,000         | 11          |
| Benches  | Trail Hiking/Walking/Bicycling and  | 13,000         | 3           |
|  | Nature Study and Bird watching  |                |             |
| Wetlands Restoration and Protection  | Nature Study and Bird watching  | 30,000         | 7           |
| Grasslands Restoration   | Nature Study and Bird watching  | 25,000         | 6           |
| Interpretation (e.g. signage, kiosks and other educational opportunities)      | Nature Study and Bird watching  | 15,000         | 4           |
| Beach access improvements  | Trail Hiking/Walking, Nature Study and Bird watching and Ocean Swimming/Fishing/Surfing | 50,000         | 12          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  |   | <b>268,000</b> | <b>65%</b>  |
| <i>Support Facilities</i>  |   |                |             |
| Restroom and other support facilities (signage, trash/recycling receptacles, ) |   | 30,000         | 7           |
| Disabled parking and staging area  |   | 60,000         | 15          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  |   | <b>90,000</b>  | <b>22%</b>  |
| <i>Engineering and Administration</i>  |   |                |             |
| Engineering and specs  |   | 53,000         | 13          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  |   | <b>53,000</b>  | <b>13%</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |   | <b>411,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |